

MINUTES OF THE DISABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE
EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
August 15, 2014

A meeting of the Disability Subcommittee of the Rhode Island Retirement Board (hereinafter "Committee") was held on August 15, 2014 in the Board Room of the Employees' Retirement System, 50 Service Avenue, Warwick, Rhode Island.

The following Committee members were present: William Finelli; Michael Boyce; Daniel Beardsley; Peter Dennehy and Melissa Malone.

Also in attendance were: Michael Robinson, General Counsel; Dr. Christopher Ley, Medical Advisor; Gayle Mambro-Martin and Frank Karpinski, Employees' Retirement System.

CALL TO ORDER

Recognizing a quorum, Chairperson William Finelli called the meeting to order at 9:03 A.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA

A draft of the July 7, 2014 meeting minutes were mailed to the Committee members for review, and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Malone and seconded by Mr. Beardsley, it was:

VOTED To approve the meeting minutes of July 7, 2014.

HEARING – ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY

Mary MacLaughlin	Animal Control Officer, Town of North Kingstown Community . (Estimated service credits 9 years, 10 months, 18 days)
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After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Boyce:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Postpone** a decision on Ms. Maclaughlin's application for an accidental disability pension.

Frederick Lataille Utility Worker, Cranston School Department
(Estimated service credits 24 years, 4 months, 15 days)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Boyce:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Postpone** a decision on Mr. Lataille's application for an accidental disability pension.

ORDINARY MATTER PREVIOUSLY APPROVED

Kurt Strakaluse Police Officer, Woonsocket Police Department.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Ms. Malone:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Postpone** a decision on Mr. Strakaluse previously approved disability pension.

ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY

James Clifford Community Living Aide, Zambarano Hospital.
(Estimated service credits 6 years, 8 months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Dennehy:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Mr. Clifford's application for an accidental disability retirement pursuant to Rhode Island General Law § 36-10-15 (b) for 50 % of his compensation at the time of his retirement. Mr. Finelli voted yes. Ms. Malone and Mr. Beardsley voted Nay.

Stephen Alfonso

Environmental Police Officer, RI DEM. (Estimated service credits 8 years, 9 months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Malone and seconded by Mr. Dennehy:

VOTED:

To recommend that the Retirement Board **Postpone** a decision on Mr. Alfonso's application for an accidental disability pension.

Arthur White, Jr.

Automotive Mechanic, URI. (Estimated service credits 2 years, 5 months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

VOTED:

To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Mr. White's application for an accidental disability retirement. Mr. Finelli voted yes. Ms. Malone and Mr. Dennehy voted Nay.

Kathleen Murphy

Senior Work Processing Typist, URI. (Estimated service credits 11 years, 9 months, 15 days)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Dennehy:

VOTED:

To recommend that the Retirement Board **Postpone** a decision on Ms. Murphy's application for an accidental disability pension.

Kevin Lang

Firefighter, Cranston Fire Department. (Estimated service credits 17 years, 3 months, 23 days)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Ms. Malone:

VOTED:

To recommend that the Retirement Board **Deny** Mr. Lang's application for an accidental disability pension. Mr. Dennehy voted yes. Mr. Boyce and Mr. Finelli voted Nay.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Boyce and seconded by Ms. Malone:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Mr. Lang's application for an ordinary disability retirement. Mr. Finelli voted yes. Mr. Dennehy and Mr. Beardsley voted Nay.

ORDINARY DISABILITY

Richard Dougan Deputy Sheriff II, RI Division of Sheriffs. Laborer, Town of Johnston. (Estimated service credits 10 years, 18 months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Malone and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Mr. Dougan's application for an ordinary disability retirement.

Herminia Collado Teacher, Providence School Department. (Estimated service credits 15 years, 15 months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Malone and seconded by Mr. Dennehy:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Deny** Ms. Collado's application for an ordinary disability pension.

John Shey, Jr. Deputy Sheriff II, RI division of Sheriffs. (Estimated service credits 15 years, 6 months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Malone and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Mr. Shey's application for an ordinary disability retirement.

Joseph Szymkowicz

Teacher, Coventry School Department. (Estimated service credits 21 years, 6 months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Boyce:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Mr. Szymkowicz's application for an ordinary disability retirement.

Suzette Blais

Teacher, Cumberland School Department.
(Estimated service credits 24 years, 10 days)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Dennehy:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Mr. Blais's application for an ordinary disability retirement.

Greg St. Jean

Firefighter, North Providence Fire Department.
(Estimated service credits 17 years, 15 days)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Boyce:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Mr. St. Jean's application for an ordinary disability retirement.

John Motta

Senior Maintenance Technician, Department of Environmental Mgmt. (Estimated service credits 8 years)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Boyce:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Mr. Motta's application for an ordinary disability retirement.

Kevin Reynolds

Maintenance Director, Tiverton School Department.
(Estimated service credits 25 years, 4 months, 15 days)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Dennehy:

VOTED:

To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Mr. Reynolds' application for an ordinary disability retirement.

DISABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Dennehy it was unanimously:

VOTED

To adjourn the meeting at 10:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle C. Mambro-Martin, Esq.
GCM: gsb

August 27, 2014